

1            Amendment "B" to Accompany Request for Continued Examination

2            The claims are amended as follows: Please cancel claims 2-3, 14 and 17,  
3 without prejudice. Please amend claims 1, 10, 13, 15 and 19 as follows:

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5 Claim 1 (Currently amended). A method of providing software to a user for  
6 subsequent use by a particular user device, comprising:

7            providing a user interface configured to allow the user to identify the particular  
8 user device, wherein the particular user device is one of a plurality of different user  
9 devices respectively corresponding to a plurality of different manufacturers, and  
10 wherein the user interface comprises a display device;

11            locating the user interface in a retail sales location where the particular user  
12 device is offered for sale to the user;

13            displaying a plurality of different manufacturers via the display device;

14            identifying a particular manufacturer from the displayed plurality of different  
15 manufacturers via the user interface;

16            displaying a plurality of different user devices corresponding to the particular  
17 manufacturer via the display device;

18            identifying the particular user device from the displayed plurality of different  
19 user devices via the user interface;

20            accessing software specific to the particular user device;

21            storing the software on a computer readable medium; and

22            making the computer readable medium available to the user.

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24 Claims 2-3 (cancelled).

25 Claim 4 (original). The method of claim 1, and wherein the accessing of the software  
is performed automatically in response to identifying the particular device.

Claim 5 (original). The method of claim 1, and wherein the storing of the software on  
the computer readable medium is performed automatically in response to the  
accessing of the software.

1 Claim 6 (original). The method of claim 1, and further comprising, prior to accessing  
2 the software, connecting to a global computer network in order to access the  
3 software.

4 Claim 7 (original). The method of claim 6, and wherein:

5 the software for the particular user device is one of a plurality of available  
6 softwares, each of the available softwares being associated with a distinct access  
7 address on the global computer network;

8 the step of connecting to the global computer network comprises making a  
9 connection to the distinct access address associated with the software specific to the  
10 particular user device; and

11 the connection to the distinct access address is made in response to  
12 identifying the particular user device.

13 Claim 8 (cancelled.)

14 Claim 9 (original). The method of claim 1, and wherein the step of storing the  
15 software on a computer readable medium is performed by electronically transmitting  
16 an electronic copy of the software to a readable-writeable memory device contained  
17 within a user provided device.

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1 Claim 10 (Currently amended). An apparatus for providing software to a user for use  
2 by a particular user device, comprising:

3 a user interface configured to allow a user to:

4 select a particular manufacturer from a displayed plurality of different  
5 manufacturers and to generate a first user input signal in response thereto;  
6 and

7 select the particular user device from a displayed plurality of different  
8 user devices corresponding to the particular manufacturer and to generate a  
9 second user input signal in response thereto;

10 a communication device configured to connect to a computer network;

11 a computer readable medium writing device, wherein the computer readable  
12 medium writing device is configured to:

13 record computer readable data to a particular type of computer  
14 readable medium;

15 receive a plurality of the particular type of computer readable medium  
16 capable of having computer readable data recorded thereon; and

17 automatically record computer readable data to one of the plurality of  
18 the particular type of computer readable medium; and

19 a processor configured to receive the second user input signal, to use the  
20 second user input signal to retrieve software specific to the particular user device,  
21 and to store the software on a one of the plurality of computer readable medium  
22 using the computer readable medium writing device.

23 Claim 11 (original). The apparatus of claim 10, and wherein the processor is  
24 configured to retrieve the software from the computer network via the communication  
25 device.

26 Claim 12 (original). The apparatus of claim 10, and further comprising a computer  
27 readable-writable memory device, and wherein the processor is further configured to  
28 retrieve the software from the computer network via the communication device and  
29 to store the software on the computer readable-writable memory device prior to  
30 storing the software on the computer readable medium.

1 Claim 13 (Currently amended). The apparatus of claim 10, and wherein the user  
2 interface is comprises a touch sensitive display screen ~~and the plurality of user~~  
3 ~~devices is identified to the user via the display screen.~~

4 Claim 14 (cancelled).

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6 Claim 15 (Currently amended). The apparatus of claim 14 10, and wherein the  
7 computer readable medium type is a compact disk.

8 Claim 16 (original). The apparatus of claim 10, and wherein the communication  
9 network is a global communication network characterized by a plurality of web  
10 addresses, and the software is associated with a specific web address, and the  
11 processor is configured to cause the communication device to connect to the specific  
12 web address based on the user input signal.

13 Claim 17 (cancelled).

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15 Claim 18 (original). The apparatus of claim 10, and further comprising a  
16 communication port configured to transmit electronic data to a user-provided device  
17 comprising a readable-writeable memory device, and wherein the processor is  
18 further configured to store the software on the readable-writeable memory device.

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1 Claim 19 (Currently amended). A computer network system for providing software to  
2 users of a plurality of user devices, comprising:

3 a user station comprising a first processor, a user interface in signal  
4 communication with the first processor, a first communication device in signal  
5 communication with the first processor, a first computer readable memory device in  
6 signal communication with the first processor, and a computer readable medium  
7 writing device in signal communication with the first processor, the computer  
8 readable medium writing device configured to receive a plurality of the computer  
9 readable medium, the user station located in a retail store which offers the user  
10 devices for sale;

11 a first server capable of being in signal communication with the first  
12 communication device;

13 a software server comprising a second processor, a second communication  
14 device in signal communication with the second processor, and a second computer  
15 readable memory device in signal communication with the second processor, the  
16 second computer readable memory device containing software specific to at least  
17 some of the plurality of user devices;

18 a communications network configured to connect the first server and the  
19 software server in signal communication; and

20 wherein, the first memory device contains a series of computer executable  
21 steps configured to be executed by the first processor to offer users, via the user  
22 interface, a menu of a plurality of different manufacturers and one or more menus  
23 collectively comprising the plurality of user devices, and, at least partially in response  
24 to receiving a signal from the user interface corresponding to selection of a particular  
25 user device, to cause the first server to connect to the software server and to retrieve  
from the second memory device an electronic copy of the software specific to the  
particular user device, and further to cause the computer readable medium writing  
device to record the software on a one of the plurality of computer readable medium.

Claim 20 (original). The computer network system of claim 19, and further  
comprising a plurality of users stations, each said user station having an associated  
first server, and wherein the communications network is configured to connect the  
plurality of first servers and the software server in signal communication.

1 Claim 21 (Currently amended). The computer network system of claim 19 further  
2 comprising a plurality of software servers, and wherein the series of computer  
3 executable steps is further configured to cause the first server to connect to one of  
4 the software servers in response to the first processor receiving a signal from the  
5 user interface corresponding to selection of a the particular user device.

6 Claim 22 (original). The computer network system of claim 19, and wherein the first  
7 memory device contains address locations of software stored on the second memory  
8 device, and wherein the processor is configured to use the memory addresses to  
9 communicate to the software server the software to transmit to the first server the  
10 software specific to the particular device.

11 Claim 23 (cancelled.)

12 Claim 24 (previously presented). The method of claim 1 wherein the computer  
13 readable medium is optically readable-writeable media.

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15 Claim 25 (previously presented). The method of claim 19 wherein the computer  
16 readable medium is optically readable-writeable media.

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